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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

June 3, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Institute for Digital Enterprise Advancement's Systems Engineering Technician Education Initiative in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Institute for Digital Enterprise Advancement, located at 210 Wynn Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805. The funding would be used to expand the Systems Engineering Technician Education Initiative to select community colleges throughout Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress

Recipient

Institute for Digital Enterprise Advancement

Project Name

Systems Engineering Technician Education Initiative

Address

210 Wynn Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805

Project Explanation

This project brings a new workforce development pathway for a new skillset needed by the research and development community. Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) is a vital capability that can accelerate the research and development timeline by modeling/automating existing processes in the project life cycle and deliver new technology into the hands of the warfighter significantly faster. This 2-year System Engineering Technology (SET) Associate Degree provides a low cost, accelerated entry into the high tech field of engineering and should be attractive to graduating high school seniors, returning veterans, or workforce up-skilling/re-skilling.